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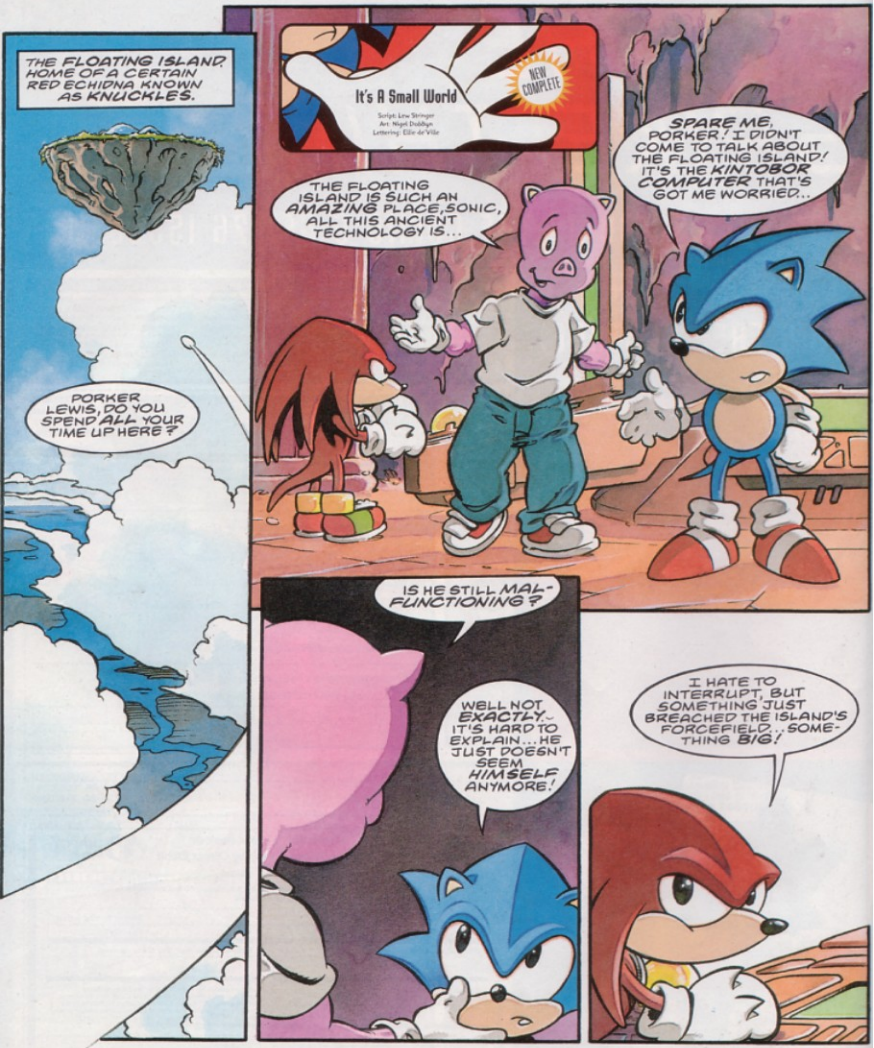
It's A Small World
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THE FLOATING ISLAND, HOME OF A CERTAIN RED ECHIDNA KNOWN AS KNUCKLES.
PORKER LEWIS, DO YOU SPEND ALL YOUR TIME UP HERE?
THE FLOATING ISLAND IS SUCH AN AMAZING PLACE, SONIC, ALL THIS ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY IS...
SPARE ME, PORKER! I DIDN'T COME TO TALK ABOUT THE FLOATING ISLAND! IT'S THE KINTOBOR COMPUTER THAT'S GOT ME WORRIED..
IS HE STILL MALFUNCTIONING?
WELL NOT EXACTLY... IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN... HE JUST DOESN'T SEEM HIMSELF ANYMORE!
I HATE TO INTERRUPT, BUT SOMETHING JUST BREACHED THE ISLAND'S FORCEFIELD... SOMETHING BIG!

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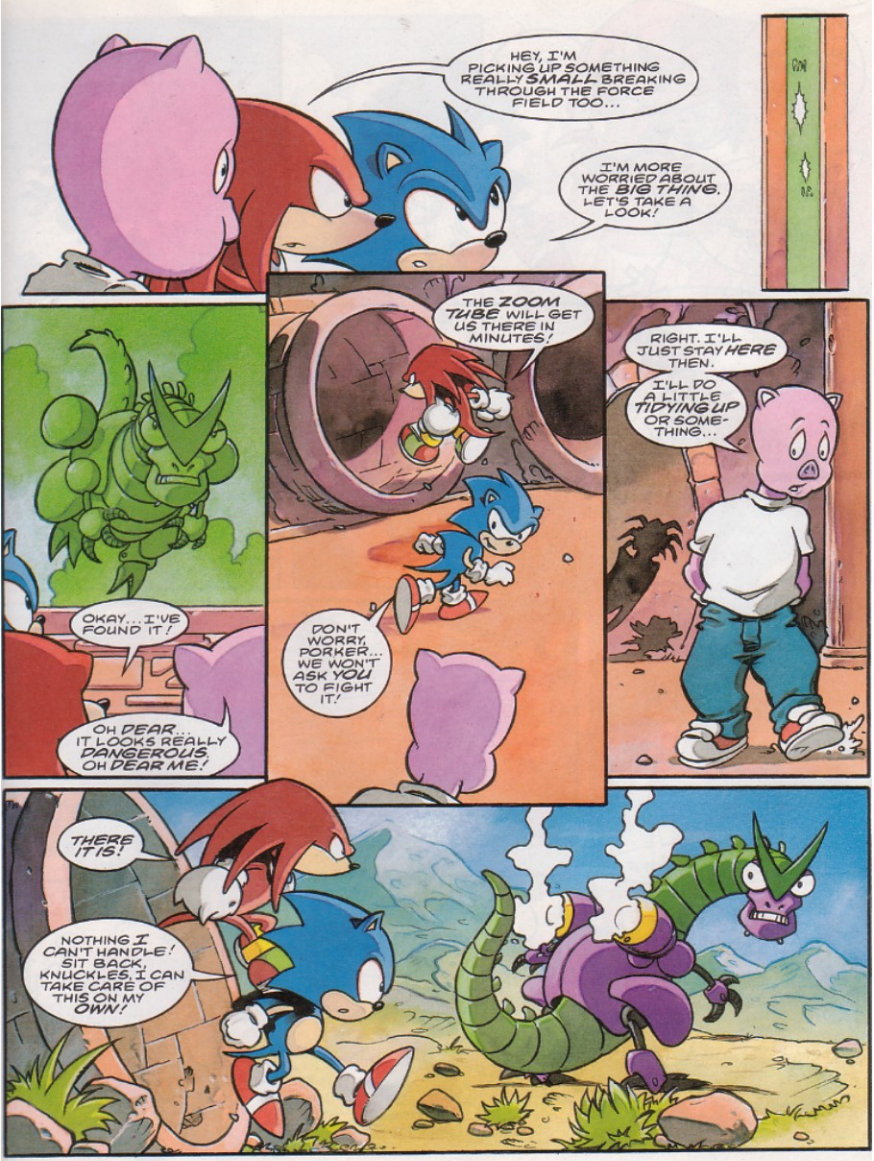
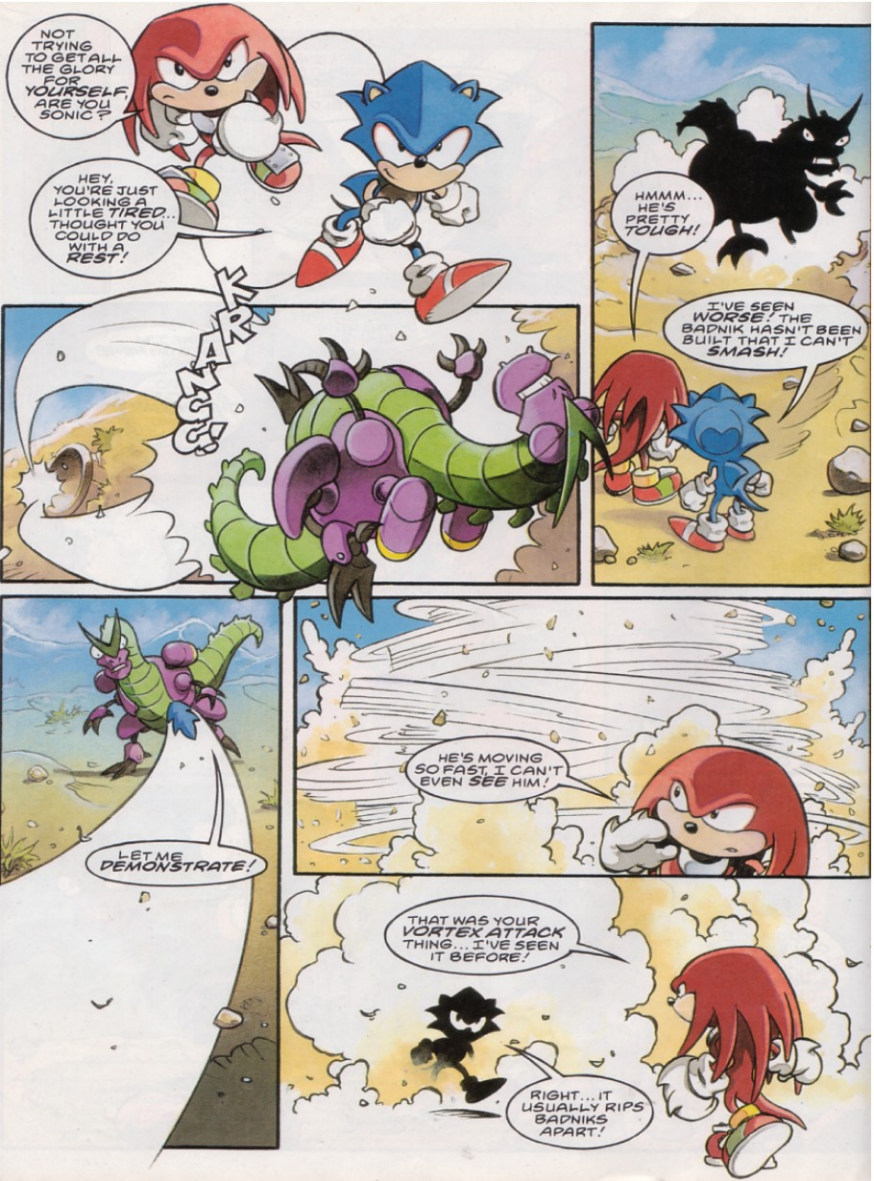
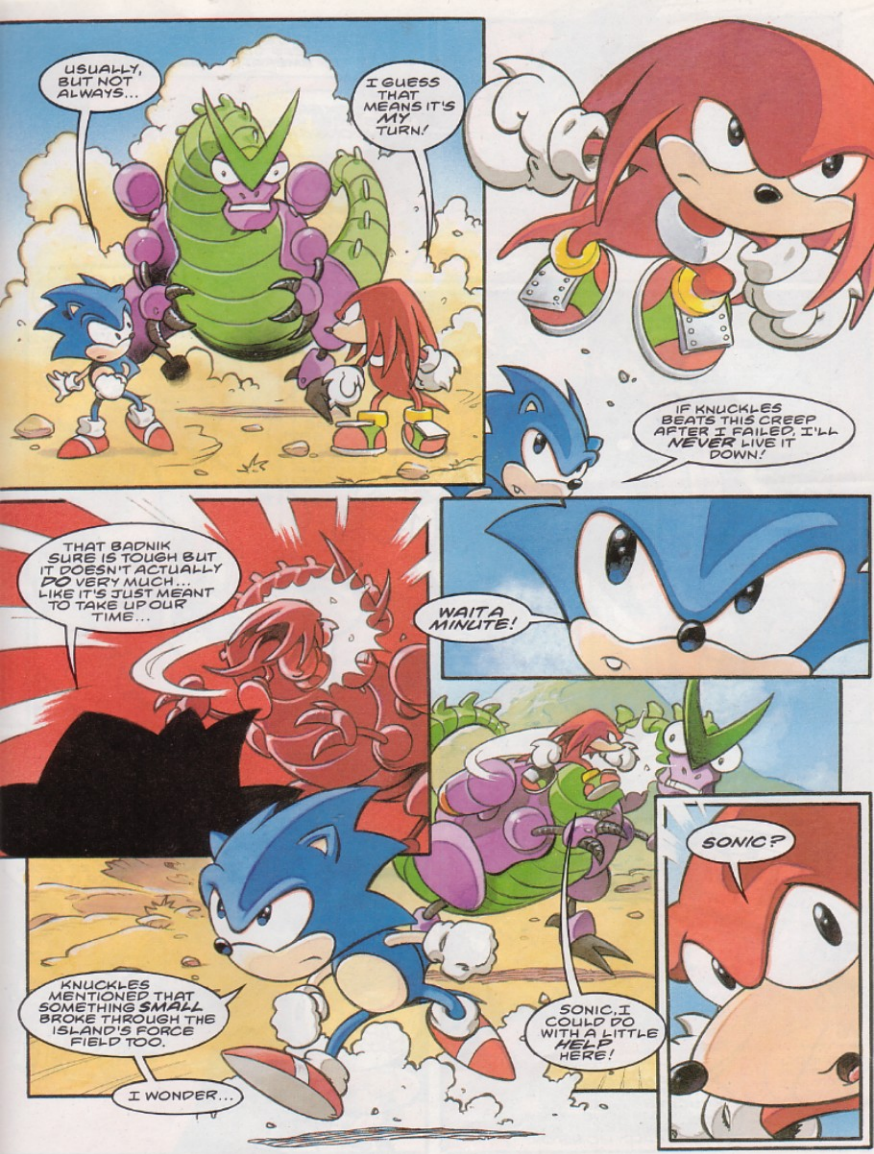
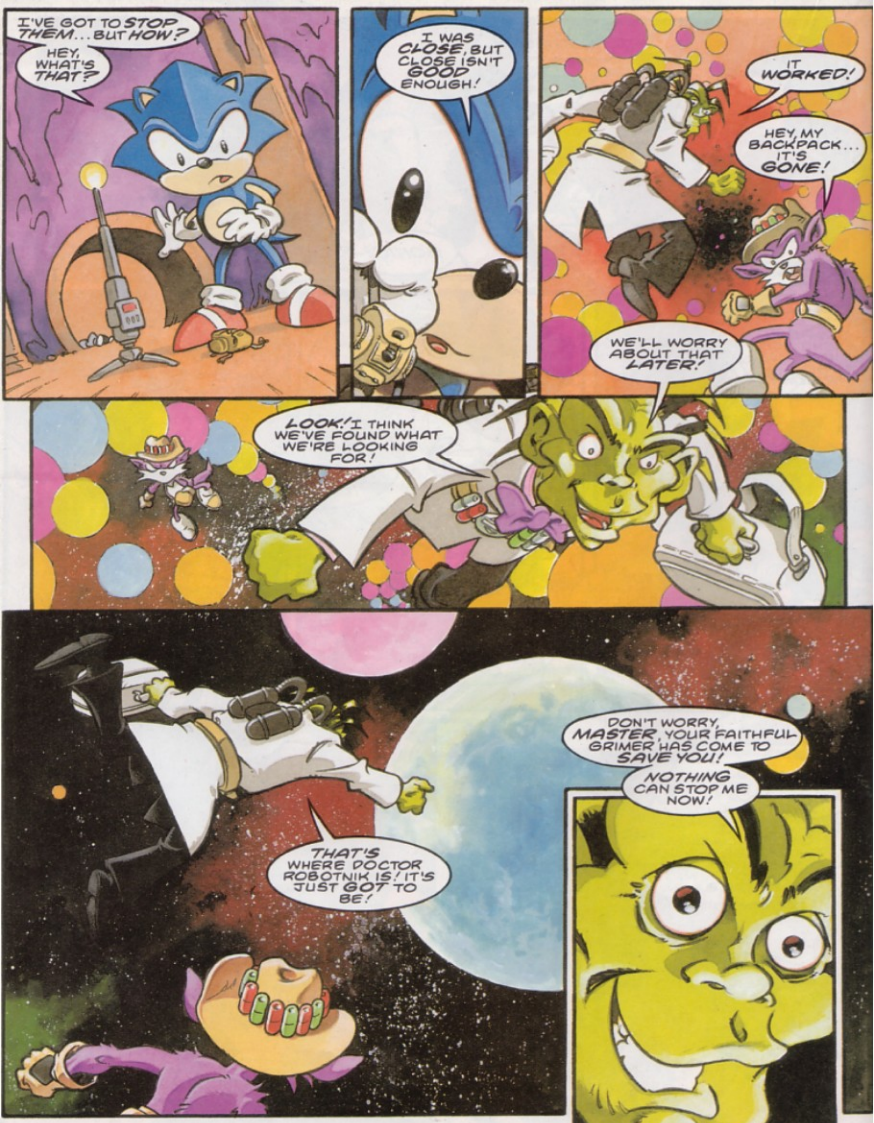

HEY, I'M PICKING UP SOMETHING REALLY SMALL BREAKING THROUGH THE FORCE FIELD TOO...
I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT THE BIG THING. LET'S TAKE A LOOK!
THE ZOOM TUBE WILL GET US THERE IN MINUTES!
RIGHT. I'LL JUST STAY HERE THEN.
I'LL DO A LITTLE TIDYING UP OR SOMETHING...
OKAY... I'VE FOUND IT!
OH DEAR... IT LOOKS REALLY DANGEROUS. OH DEAR ME!
DON'T WORRY, PORKER... WE WON'T ASK YOU TO FIGHT IT!
THERE IT IS!
NOTHING I CAN'T HANDLE! SIT BACK, KNUCKLES. I CAN TAKE CARE OF THIS ON MY OWN!


NOT TRYING TO GET ALL THE GLORY FOR YOURSELF, ARE YOU SONIC?
HEY, YOU'RE JUST LOOKING A LITTLE TIRED... THOUGHT YOU COULD DO WITH A REST!
CLANK!
HMMM... HE'S PRETTY TOUGH!
I'VE SEEN WORSE! THE BADNIK HASN'T BEEN BUILT THAT I CAN'T SMASH!
LET ME DEMONSTRATE!
HE'S MOVING SO FAST, I CAN'T EVEN SEE HIM!
THAT WAS YOUR VORTEX ATTACK THING... I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE!
RIGHT... IT USUALLY RIPS BADNIKS APART!


USUALLY, BUT NOT ALWAYS...
I GUESS THAT MEANS IT'S MY TURN!
IF KNUCKLES BEATS THIS CREEP AFTER I FAILED, I'LL NEVER LIVE IT DOWN!
THAT BADNIK SURE IS TOUGH BUT IT DOESN'T ACTUALLY DO VERY MUCH... LIKE IT'S JUST MEANT TO TAKE UP OUR TIME...
WAIT A MINUTE!
SONIC?
KNUCKLES MENTIONED THAT SOMETHING SMALL BROKE THROUGH THE ISLAND'S FORCE FIELD TOO.
I WONDER...
SONIC, I COULD DO WITH A LITTLE HELP HERE!

MOMENTS LATER, IN THE TUNNELS JUST OUTSIDE THE EMERALD CHAMBER...
PORKER! HE'S BEEN KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS...
GRIMER AND NACK THE WEASEL! WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE?
I'VE FOUND IT! THE EXACT SPOT WHERE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK VANISHED!
SEE? I TOLD YOU IF WE SHRUNK OUR SHIP AND OURSELVES TO THE SIZE OF A SPARROW, THEY'D BE SURE TO GO AFTER THE BADNIK!
AND THAT STUPID PIG DIDN'T PUT UP MUCH OF A FIGHT!
STILL, WE'D BETTER HURRY!
HAH! BY THE TIME SONIC AND KNUCKLES GET HERE WE'LL HAVE GONE. THEY'LL NEVER FIGURE OUT WHAT WAS REALLY GOING ON!
IT WOULD BE BEST IF THEY DON'T FIND OUT THAT ROBOTNIK WAS STILL ALIVE!
I DON'T WANT SONIC TO KNOW HE WAS JUST SHRUNK TO THE SIZE OF AN ATOM... I'D LIKE IT TO BE A SURPRISE!

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? I HATE SURPRISES!
SONIC!
GRIMER! AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE IN PRISON?
DID YOU REALLY THINK A PRISON CELL COULD HOLD SOMEONE OF MY ABILITY?
NACK, DEAL WITH HIM!
AGGGGH!
LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE A LITTLE STUN GAS!
THESE BELTS HAD BETTER WORK, NACK. WE WON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE!
DON'T WORRY, THEY'LL WORK ALL RIGHT!
NOT SO FAST, YOU CREEPS!
NO! I COULDN'T HOLD THEM! I'M TOO LATE!


I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM... BUT HOW?
HEY, WHAT'S THAT?
I WAS CLOSE, BUT CLOSE ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH!
IT WORKED!
HEY, MY BACKPACK... IT'S GONE!
WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER!
LOOK! I THINK WE'VE FOUND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR!
DON'T WORRY, MASTER, YOUR FAITHFUL GRIMER HAS COME TO SAVE YOU!
NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!
THAT'S WHERE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS! IT'S JUST GOT TO BE!

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NO MORE HEROES

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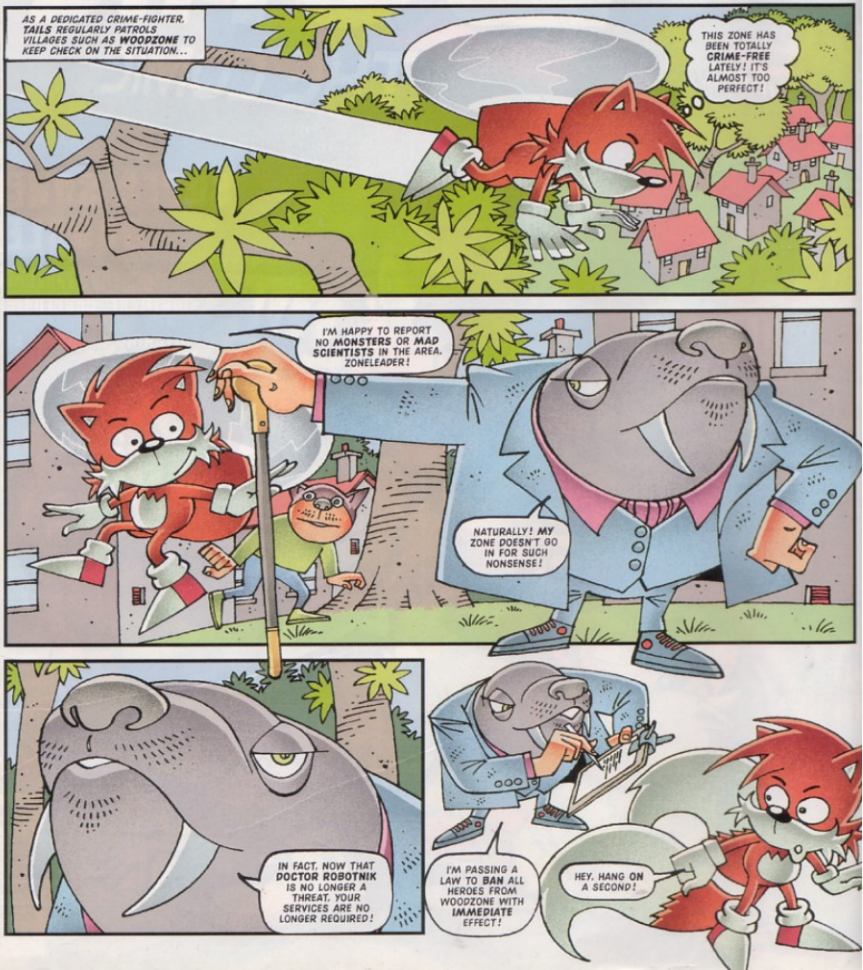
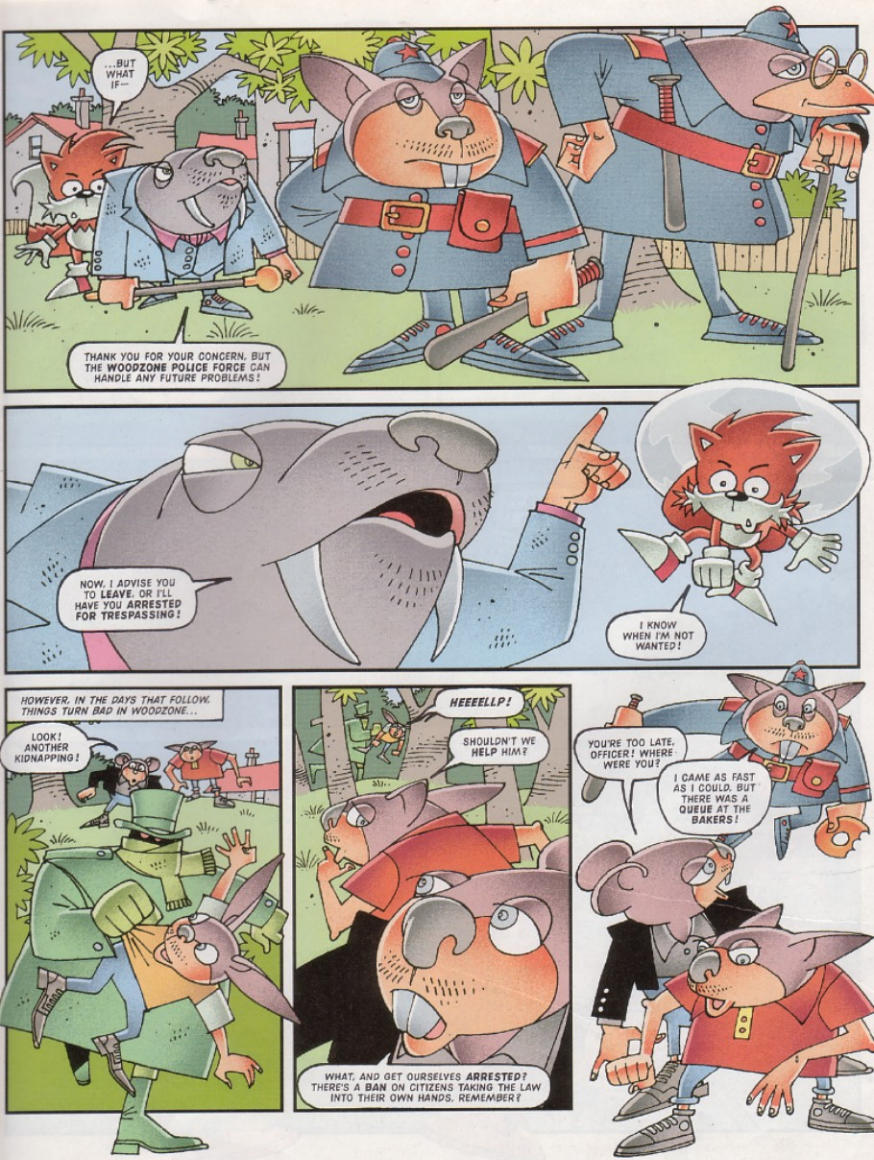
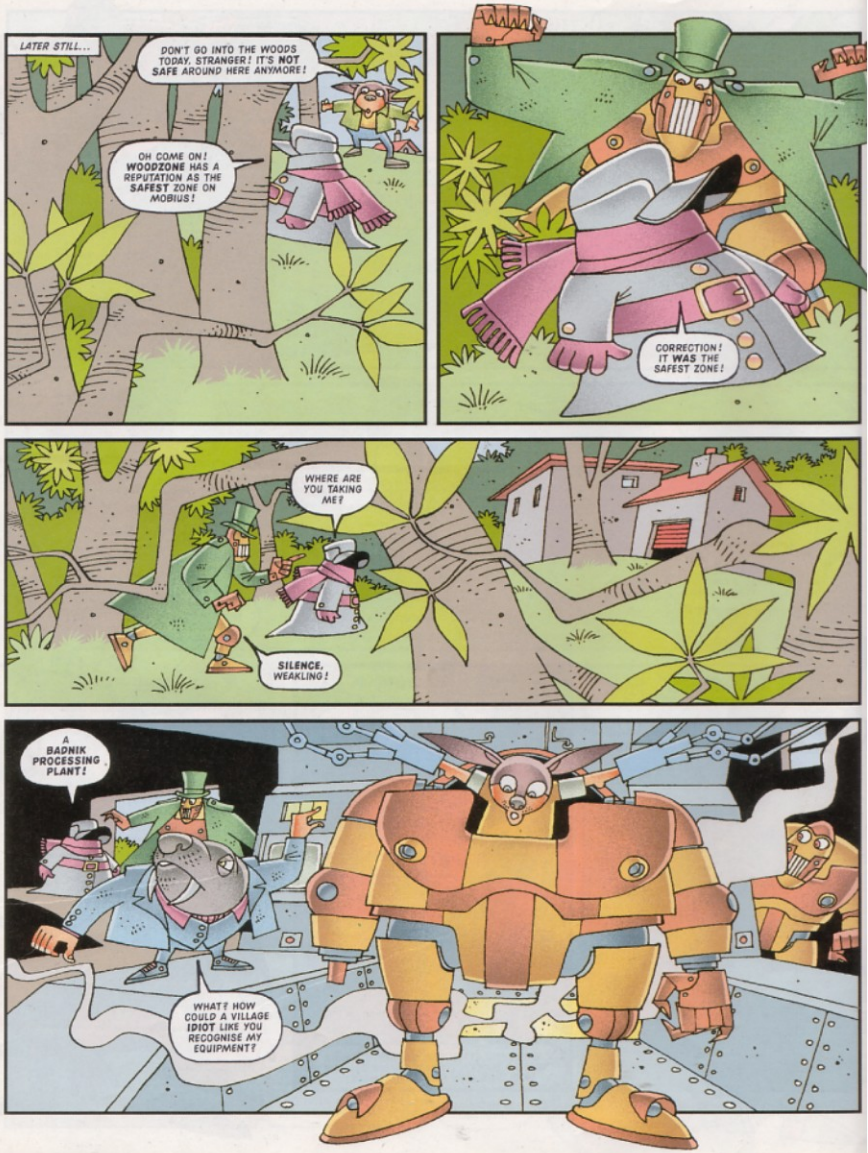
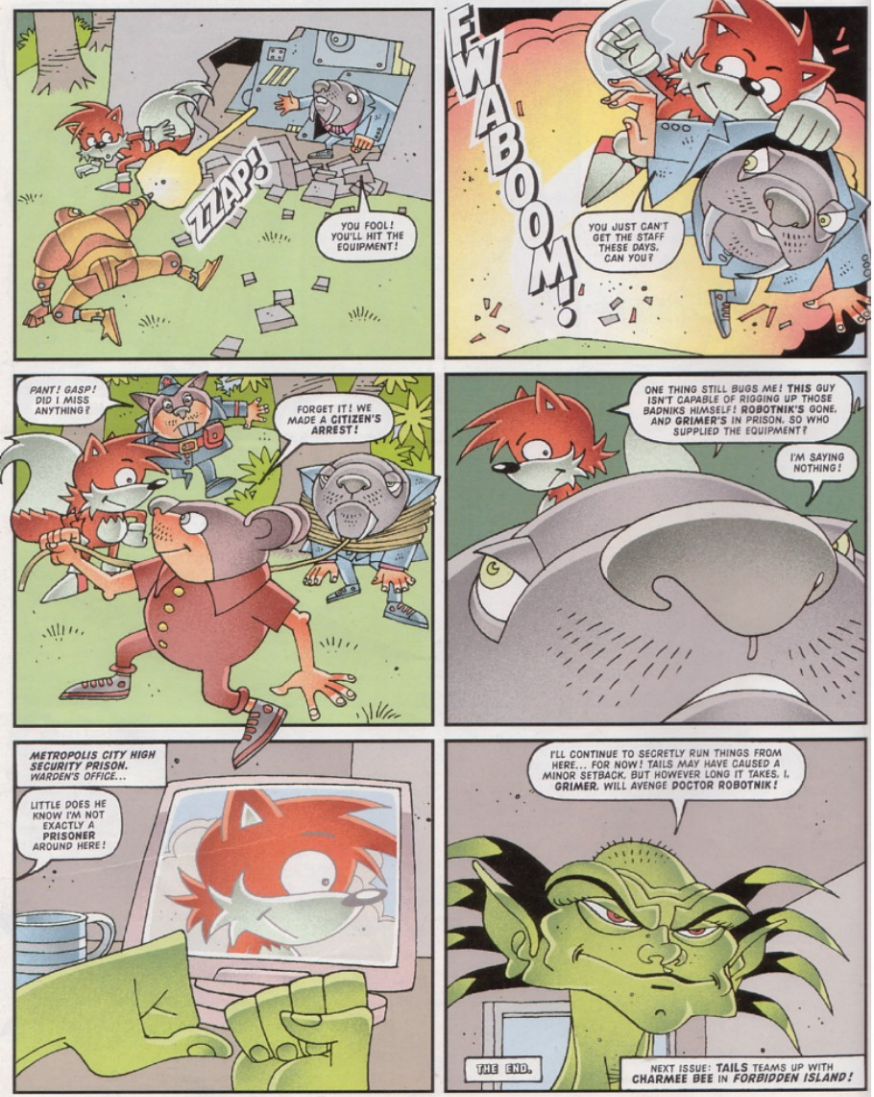

AS A DEDICATED CRIME-FIGHTER, TAILS REGULARLY PATROLS VILLAGES SUCH AS WOODZONE TO KEEP CHECK ON THE SITUATION...
THIS ZONE HAS BEEN TOTALLY CRIME-FREE LATELY! IT'S ALMOST TOO PERFECT!
I'M HAPPY TO REPORT NO MONSTERS OR MAD SCIENTISTS IN THE AREA, ZONELEADER!
NATURALLY! MY ZONE DOESN'T GO IN FOR SUCH NONSENSE!
IN FACT, NOW THAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS NO LONGER A THREAT, YOUR SERVICES ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED!
I'M PASSING A LAW TO BAN ALL HEROES FROM WOODZONE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT!
HEY, HANG ON A SECOND!


...BUT WHAT IF...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN, BUT THE WOODZONE POLICE FORCE CAN HANDLE ANY FUTURE PROBLEMS!
NOW, I ADVISE YOU TO LEAVE, OR I'LL HAVE YOU ARRESTED FOR TRESPASSING!
I KNOW WHEN I'M NOT WANTED!
HOWEVER, IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, THINGS TURN BAD IN WOODZONE...
LOOK! ANOTHER KIDNAPPING!
HEEEELLP!
SHOULDN'T WE HELP HIM?
WHAT, AND GET OURSELVES ARRESTED? THERE'S A BAN ON CITIZENS TAKING THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS. REMEMBER?
YOU'RE TOO LATE, OFFICER! WHERE WERE YOU?
I CAME AS FAST AS I COULD. BUT THERE WAS A QUEUE AT THE BAKERS!


LATER STILL...
DON'T GO INTO THE WOODS TODAY, STRANGER! IT'S NOT SAFE AROUND HERE ANYMORE!
OH COME ON! WOODZONE HAS A REPUTATION AS THE SAFEST ZONE ON MOBIUS!
CORRECTION! IT WAS THE SAFEST ZONE!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
SILENCE, WEAKLING!
A BADNIK PROCESSING PLANT!
WHAT? HOW COULD A VILLAGE IDIOT LIKE YOU RECOGNISE MY EQUIPMENT?

I GUESS IT'S TIME TO DROP THE "NERVOUS CITIZEN" ACT!
TAILS! BADNIKS. KILL HIM!
NO WONDER YOU WANTED ME OUT OF THE ZONE! TOO BAD I GOT SUSPICIOUS ENOUGH TO COME BACK!
SPDANNG!
THESE ARE A NEW KIND OF BADNIK! HOW-- UGGNH!
PUNCH!
HEY! OUR ZONELEADER'S A BAD GUY! LOOK!
WHACK!
IN THAT CASE, WE CAN FORGET ABOUT HIS RULE OF NOT PLAYING HERO!


ZZAP!
YOU FOOL! YOU'LL HIT THE EQUIPMENT!
FWABOOM!
YOU JUST CAN'T GET THE STAFF THESE DAYS, CAN YOU?
PANT! GASP! DID I MISS ANYTHING?
FORGET IT! WE MADE A CITIZEN'S ARREST!
ONE THING STILL BUGS ME! THIS GUY ISN'T CAPABLE OF RIGGING UP THOSE BADNIKS HIMSELF! ROBOTNIK'S GONE, AND GRIMER'S IN PRISON. SO WHO SUPPLIED THE EQUIPMENT?
I'M SAYING NOTHING!
METROPOLIS CITY HIGH SECURITY PRISON. WARDEN'S OFFICE...
LITTLE DOES HE KNOW I'M NOT EXACTLY A PRISONER AROUND HERE!
I'LL CONTINUE TO SECRETLY RUN THINGS FROM HERE... FOR NOW! TAILS MAY HAVE CAUSED A MINOR SETBACK, BUT HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES, I, GRIMER, WILL AVENGE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
THE END.
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RETURN OF THE NIGHTMARE
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SUPER SONIC HAS ONCE AGAIN TURNED EVIL.
THE ONLY THING PREVENTING HIM FROM DESTROYING THE PLANET IS THE MAGICAL POWER OF EBONY. HOWEVER...
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IT'S NO GOOD, PYJAMAS... I CAN'T MAINTAIN THIS SPELL ANY LONGER!
YOU'VE GOT TO, EBONY!
IF YOU RELEASE HIM, WE'VE ALL HAD IT!
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I'M SORRY... THE STRAIN IS TOO GREAT FOR ME.. I CAN'T GO ON!
WAIT, EBONY, I HAVE AN IDEA! KEEP YOUR SPELL GOING... JUST FOR A LITTLE LONGER!

I NEED TO FORM A MIND LINK... IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME... I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE... CONCENTRATE!
PYJAMAS, I'M SORRY!
THE SPELL... IT'S GONE!
EBONY, PYJAMAS, WHAT'S GOING ON? HOW DID I GET HERE?

I ERASED HIS RECENT MEMORIES!
HE NOW HAS NO MEMORY OF TURNING EVIL AGAIN!
AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED, IT NEVER HAPPENED!
YOU'RE YOURSELF AGAIN, SUPER SONIC! PYJAMAS, HOW DID YOU DO IT?
I TURNED EVIL AGAIN?
WE'LL EXPLAIN EVERY-THING LATER! YOU'RE OKAY NOW!
OH NO, LOOK!
IT'S SONIC! WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
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IF HE SEES ME, I'M IN SERIOUS TROUBLE!
THAT'S WHY WE'RE LEAVING. COME ON!
WAIT, I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

THIS METER HAS PICKED UP READINGS THAT MATCH THE ENERGY EMISSIONS BELONGING TO SUPER SONIC. SEEN ANYTHING?
YOU MEAN YOU TRACED SUPER SONIC USING THIS?
WELL, SORRY, YOU MUST HAVE MADE A MISTAKE. THERE ARE NO SUPER SONICS AROUND HERE!
REALLY?
FUNNY THING IS THE READINGS SAY HE'S HIDING! RIGHT OVER HERE...
MEOWWW!
WHA?
MAYBE YOUR ENERGY METER IS FAULTY? WHAT'S IT SAY NOW?
IT'S NOT SHOWING ANY ENERGY READINGS AT ALL. STRANGE...
LOOK, IF HE WAS REALLY HERE, WOULDN'T THERE BE SOME SIGN OF HIM... DAMAGE, STUFF LIKE THAT?
I SUPPOSE SO...

FLIPPING MACHINES... NEVER CAN TRUST THEM!
THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL!
I DON'T GET IT! HOW COME HE COULDN'T FIND ME WHEN HE WAS SO CLOSE?
OH, IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE...
I JUST CAST A LITTLE SPELL OVER THAT METER OF HIS! I MADE IT TELL HIM JUST WHAT I WANTED IT TO!
STILL, I SOMETIMES THINK I SHOULD GIVE MYSELF UP... THE NEXT TIME I TURN EVIL, I MIGHT HURT SOMEONE!
THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE A NEXT TIME. BESIDES, EVEN IF THERE IS, YOU HAVE PYJAMAS AND ME TO TAKE CARE OF YOU!
HEY, THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR!
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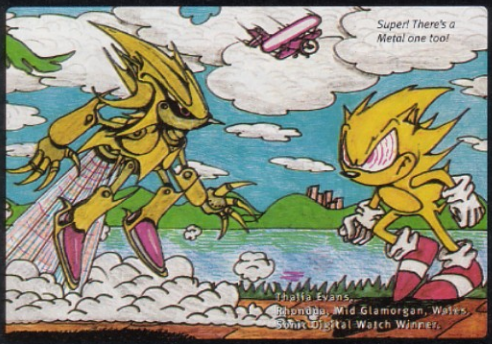

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